DIRECT INVESTMENT (January – April 2011)¹

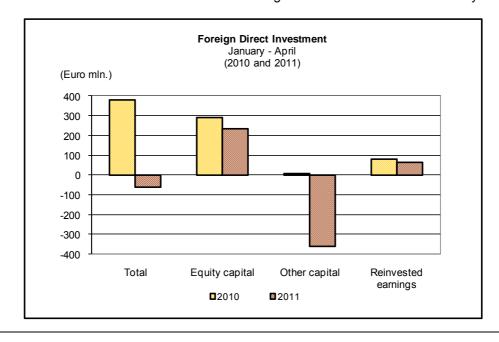
Due to net payments on intercompany credits in accordance with the loan repayment schedules of enterprises, according to preliminary data, the *Foreign direct investment in Bulgaria* for January – April 2011 decreased by EUR 62.5 million (0.2% of GDP), compared to an increase of EUR 378.9 million (1.1% of GDP) attracted in January – April 2010.

(EUR million)

| | | 2010 | | | | | 2011 | | | | |
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| Direct investment, net | 51.2 | 150.9 | -178.3 | 316.3 | 340.1 | 224.8 | 76.3 | -381.0 | -7.1 | -87.0 | -427.1 |
| Direct investment abroad * | -6.1 | -6.7 | -16.1 | -9.8 | -38.8 | -9.0 | -4.8 | -6.4 | -4.3 | -24.5 | 14.3 |
| Equity capital | -3.8 | -5.4 | -13.5 | -1.4 | -24.1 | -8.4 | -5.7 | -3.4 | -4.4 | -21.9 | 2.2 |
| Other capital | -1.7 | -0.6 | -1.9 | -6.2 | -10.4 | -0.7 | 0.9 | -3.0 | 0.1 | -2.6 | 7.7 |
| Reinvested earnings | -0.7 | -0.7 | -0.7 | -2.2 | -4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.4 |
| Foreign Direct Investment | 57.3 | 157.6 | -162.2 | 326.2 | 378.9 | 233.9 | 81.0 | -374.6 | -2.8 | -62.5 | -441.4 |
| Equity capital, incl. | 42.3 | 39.0 | 94.7 | 114.9 | 290.9 | 72.2 | 25.6 | 98.7 | 38.2 | 234.7 | -56.2 |
| from privatisation | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| non-privatisation flows | 42.3 | 39.0 | 94.7 | 114.9 | 290.9 | 72.2 | 25.6 | 98.7 | 38.2 | 234.7 | -56.2 |
| Other capital | -4.2 | 99.4 | -276.1 | 189.5 | 8.6 | 145.6 | 39.4 | -489.3 | -57.0 | -361.4 | -370.0 |
| Reinvested earnings | 19.2 | 19.2 | 19.2 | 21.7 | 79.4 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 16.0 | 64.2 | -15.2 |

Source: direct investment companies, the Privatisation Agency, the National Statistical Institute, the Central Depository, banks.

The attracted Equity Capital (acquisition/disposal of shares and equities in cash and contributions in kind by non-residents in/from the capital and reserves of Bulgarian enterprises and receipts/payments from/for real estate deals in the country) for January – April 2011 amounted to EUR 234.7 million. It decreased by EUR 56.2 million compared to that attracted in the same period of 2010 (EUR 290.9 million). The receipts from real estate investments of non-residents amounted to EUR 52.1 million against EUR 49.9 million in January – April 2010.

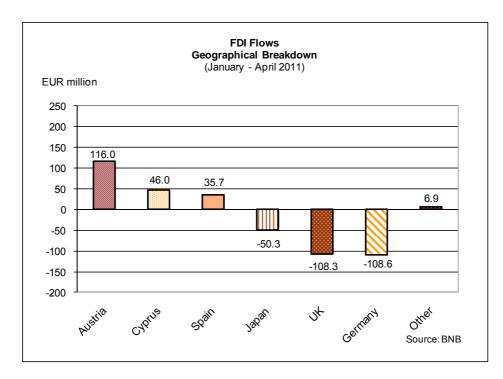


For assets, a minus sign denotes an increase in holdings, and a positive figure represents a decrease.

The other capital, net (the change in the net liabilities of the direct investment enterprise to the direct investor on financial loans, suppliers' credits and debt securities) was negative, amounting to EUR 361.4 million in January – April 2011, compared to a positive other capital, net of EUR 8.6 million in January – April 2010.

Based on preliminary data on profit/loss, the *Reinvested Earnings*² (the share of non-residents in the undistributed earnings/ loss of the enterprise) in January – April 2011 were estimated at EUR 64.2 million, against EUR 79.4 million in the same period of 2010.

By country, the largest net direct investments in Bulgaria for the period January – April 2011 were those of Austria (EUR 116 million), Cyprus (EUR 46 million) and Spain (EUR 35.7 million). The net payments to Germany, the UK and Japan amounted to EUR 108.6 million, EUR 108.3 million and EUR 50.3 million. The negative flows were mainly due to net payments on intercompany credits in accordance with the loan repayment schedules of enterprises.



According to preliminary data in January – April 2011 Direct investment abroad increased by EUR 24.5 million compared to an increase of EUR 38.8 million in January – April 2010.

When comparing the data yoy it should be taken into account that the initial data on the January – April 2010 FDI, published in a BNB press release as of June 16, 2010 (www.bnb.bg, section Press Releases/Statistical Press Releases/Balance of Payments), was subsequently revised. In accordance with the preliminary data the flow difference for the reporting period and for the same period in the previous year was mainly due to the payments on received intercompany credits in accordance with the loan repayment schedules of enterprises.

With the January – May 2011 report revisions of April 2011 data will be presented. The 2010 and 2011 data are subject to revisions with the quarterly reports to the BNB from foreign direct investment enterprises and with the annual NSI data.

GDP for 2011 - EUR 38,202 million (BNB estimate) and GDP for 2010 -- NSI data (as of 11.03.2011) at EUR 36,032.9 million.

¹ Preliminary data for 2010 and 2011. The data for January - March 2011 are revised.

² The 2010 and 2011 data include only estimates of banks' data on reinvested earnings.